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LEONARD AND NATHANIEL HOWELL

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1. POSSIBILITY OF REVERSING ORDER OF VISITS TO AMMAN AND TEL AVIV RAISED PARA. 7 REFTEL WOULD PUT AMBASSADOR LEONARD IN AMMAN (AND TEL AVIV) DURING PART OF PERIOD OF TENTATIVE VISIT BY AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ATHERTON. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE INADVISABLE:

(A) IT WOULD DISTRACT GOJ ATTENTION FROM MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS ATHERTON WOULD BE DISCUSSING;

(B) IT COULD COMPLICATE BOTH GOJ APPOINTMENT SCHEDULES AND POSSIBLE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS.

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(C) IT WOULD TIE UP KEY EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO ARE NEEDED FOR ATHERTON VISIT.

2. IF DESPITE ABOVE, AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNABLE TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH ATHERTON TIMES EMBASSY WILL DO BEST TO ARRANGE PROGRAM HERE BUT WOULD PREFER JULY 23-25 SCHEDULE. SUDDARTH

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